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TOPIC Military Information from Rathenow

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DATE OF CONTENT 15 November 1950

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. On 15 November, the Wald Kaserne I of Rathenow (N 53°2'15"), located on the road to Senlin, was occupied to capacity. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. Fifteen heavy mortars, mounted on two-wheeled carriages with pneumatic tires, were observed for the first time in the gun shed behind the barracks buildings. Excavations for vehicles and gun emplacements constructed for all-around defense were seen in the wooded area behind the installation.

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[redacted] Comment. The report indicates that the artillery components of the 6th Arty Div which are quartered in the Wald Kaserne I and the Ziethen Kaserne were in their billets on 15 November. The heavy mortars observed in the Wald Kaserne were 120 mm, or more likely of 160 mm caliber, and probably belonged to a mortar battalion of the unidentified Light Arty or Mort Brig. possibly the 65th. [redacted]

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